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Re Application of : Bruce K. Redding, Jr. and Ram B. Roy

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Title: Ready-To-Use Food Product

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING
PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION**

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Attention: Office of Initial Patent Examination Division

Dear Sir:

This is in response to a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted (PTO 1553) mailed by the U.S. Patent Office on September 10, 2001, the response to which is due November 10, 2001. A separate Petition for a Two Month Extension of Time is being filed concurrently herewith. With the extension, the response is due on or before January 10, 2001.

Applicant is entitled to claim small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(c).

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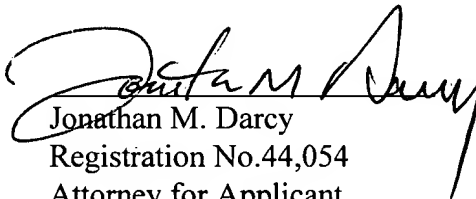
The following papers are being submitted herewith:

1. Executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney;
2. Petition for Two Month Extension of Time;
3. Check in the amount of \$200.00 for the two month extension of time petition fee;
4. Check in the amount of \$65.00 for the surcharge of the submission of the late Declaration and Power of Attorney filing fee;
5. Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application; and
6. Self-addressed return postcard.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 65.**

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

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